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KINSHASA FOR DAO

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER NSEKALIJE PROMOTED TO FULL COLONEL

1. FONMIN NSEKALIJE ADVISED ME LAST NIGHT HE HAD JUST BEEN PROMOTED TO ARMY RANK OF FULL COLONEL, AND TODAY EMBASSY RECEIVED CIRCULAR FONOFF NOTE CONFIRMING THIS FACT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978. FYI: THIS MAKES NSEKALIJE ONE OF ONLY TWO FULL COLONELS IN RWANDAN ARMY (THE OTHER IS MININTERIOR KANYARENGWE) AND THUS THIRD-RANKING RWANDAN MILITARY OFFICER. END FYI.

2. NSEKALIJE ALSO REPEATED TO ME HIS PREDICTION THAT HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE FONMIN MUCH LONGER, "CERTAINLY NOT BEYOND THIS YEAR." IMPLICATIONS WILL BE EXAMINED SEPTTEL.

3. IF APPROPRIATE, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WELL-RECEIVED GESTURE IF SIMPLE MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS COULD BE SENT BY SECRETARY. SUGGEST FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

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"DEAR MR. MINISTER: I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA HAS HONORED YOU WITH A PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF COLONEL IN THE RWANDAN ARMY. PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS, ALONG WITH HOPES FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUCCESS IN THE EXECUTION OF YOUR HIGH DIPLOMATIC DUTIES. SINCERELY YOURS."

4. AS NSEKALIJE DEPARTS FEBRUARY 16 FOR OAU MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN TRIPOLI, DEPT MAY WISH TRANSMIT MSG VIA OUR CHARGE THERE (FONMIN WOULD REALLY LOVE THAT TWIST*).

5. AMBASSADOR HAS SENT PERSONAL NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO FONMIN. CRIGLER

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